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SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK/BIDEN

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR JAMES MAY APPOINTED CONTROL OFFICER FOR CODEL CLARK/BIDEN. EMBASSY WILL MEET, ASSIST PARTY, AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL AND TO LOCAL CALLS. TWO SENATORS PLUS MOOSE AND ALBERTSON WILL EACH BE ISSUED EQUIVALENT OF THREE DAYS PER DIEM LOCAL CURRENCY.

2. RESERVATIONS FOR CODEL CONFIRMED AT RIDGEWAY HOTEL. INTERCONTINENTAL FULLY BOOKED DATES OF CODEL VISIT.

3. WE HAVE CONFIRMED CODEL RESERVATIONS FOR AUG 26 ABOARD AIR MALAWI FLIGHTS TO BLANTYRE AND JOHANNESBURG. AS BACKUP, WE HAVE ALSO MADE TENTATIVE BOOKING FOR CODEL ABOARD ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 604 DEPARTING 0910 HOURS FOR FRANCISTOWN AND ONWARD SOUTH AFRICAN FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG.

4. LISTS OF NAMES REQUESTED PARA 5-D STATE REFTEL WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ARRIVAL. NO AMERICAN OR INFLUENTIAL FOREIGN
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JOURNALISTS RESIDENT ZAMBIA. ONLY FOREIGN NEWSMAN IS REUTERS

CORRESPONDENT. NO US VOLAGS SUCH AS CARE OR CRS IN ZAMBIA, ONLY AMERICAN FRIENDS FIELD SERVICE AND MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. DO CODEL WISH HAVE LIST OF AMERICAN MISSIONARY FOUNDATIONS REPRESENTED IN COUNTRY?

5. WORKING DAY FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS BEGINS OFFICIALLY 0730 BUT MOST APPOINTMENTS NOT GRANTED BEFORE 0900. PRESIDENT KAUNDA OCCASIONALLY GIVES BREAKFAST APPOINTMENTS BUT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT CUSTOMARY AMONG OTHER ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS. LUNCH BREAK IS 1300 TO 1400. WORK DAY ENDS 1700. APPOINTMENTS COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE AFTERNOON COCKTAILS WITH ONE PERSON AND DINNER LATER WITH ANOTHER BUT THIS COULD PRESENT TIMING PROBLEMS BEACUSE OF LOCAL CUSTOMS. DINNERS USUALLY BEGIN 1930 AND BREAK UP ABOUT 2230. LATE EVENING POST-DINNER MEETINGS NOT FEASIBLE.

6. TEMPERATURE DURING VISIT DATES USUALLY COOL IN SIXTIES. THIS IS DRY SEASON WITH RAIN IMPROBABLE. HOWEVER, RAIN APPAREL DESIRABLE IF VISIT TO VICTORIA FALLS UNDERTAKEN (PARA 10 BELOW). SPRING OR EARLY AUTUMN CLOTHING ADVISABLE WITH WOOLENS OR SWEATERS FOR EVENINGS WHEN TEMPERATURE CAN DROP TO FORTIES.

7. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY BY OFFICIAL NOTE OF PROPOSED CODEL VISIT AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED. IN ADDITION PASSING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AMBASSADOR HAS PERSONALLY WRITTEN TO KEY INDIVIDUALS NAMED PARA 6-E STATE REFTEL TO DRAW CODEL VISIT AND ITS OBJECTIVES TO THEIR ATTENTION. WILL CABLE RESPONSES WHEN RECEIVED. SHOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT VISIT WILL OCCUR PARTLY OVER WEEKEND WHEN MOST ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT, NORMALLY UNAVAILABLE TO CALLERS. THIS MEANS THAT MAJORITY OF MEETINGS WITH ZAMBIAN LEADERS MAY HAVE TO BE SQUEEZED INTO MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNING. LIBERATION MOVEMENT FIGURES GENERALLY MORE FLEXIBLE AND WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE WEEKEND MEETINGS WITH THEM IN PAST. GIVEN EXTENSIVE LIST OF CONTACTS DESIRED BY CODEL, WILL SENATORS WISH TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY WITH ALL ZAMBIANS OR COULD CODEL BE SPLIT UP FOR BROADEST POSSIBLE CONTACT AND COVERAGE? EMBASSY WILL RESPECT CODEL WISHES RE PRESENCE OF EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICERS ON CALLS WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE WHICH MAY BE ARRANGED ON PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER. IN CONFORMITY WITH LOCAL PRACTICE AND EXPECTATIONS AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING, STRONGLY BELIEVE AMBASSADOR SHOULD ACCOMPANY CODEL IN CALLS ON THESE INDIVIDUALS.

8. ANTICIPATE WE WILL BE ABLE ARRANGE MOST BUT PROBABLY NOT ALL OF PRIORITY CALLS DESIRED BY CODEL. PRESIDENT KAUNDA

IN MIDST OF EXTENSIVE SERIES OF PROVINCIAL TOURS BUT STATE HOUSE SOURCE INFORMED US HE MAY BE BACK IN LUSAKA WEEKEND OF CODEL VISIT. FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA DEPARTS AUGUST 19 ON VISIT TO PERU AND NOT EXPECTED RETURN IN TIME MEET CODEL. MUZOREWA PRESENTLY IN LONDON AND JOSHUA NKOMI IN SALISBURY BUT WE ARE ATTEMPTING ARRANGE APPOINTMENT WITH NDABANINGI SITHOLE AND OTHER ANC ZIMBABWE LEADERS WHO MAY BE IN LUSAKA AT TIME. ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTY ARRANGING MEETING WITH SAM NUJOMA OF SWAPO IF HE IN TOWN THEN. SAVIMBI OF UNITA MORE DIFFICULT BUT WE PASSING WORD TO HIS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF CODEL DESIRE TO MEET HIM HERE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. OLIVER TAMBO OF ANC SOUTH AFRICA RESIDENT DAR ES SALAAM AND WE INFORMING ANC OFFICE HERE CODEL HOPES MEET WITH HIM EITHER DAR OR LUSAKA AS CONVENIENT. SOUTH AFRICAN PAC BANNED IN ZAMBIA BUT HAS OFFICE IN DAR. DENNIS ACHESON OF AMAX LEFT ZAMBIA NEARLY YEAR AGO NOW WITH AMAX LONDON OFFICE. TREVOR COOMBE AND ALAN SIMMANCE CONTACTED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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9. INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE CODEL VISIT TO SWAPO FARM SCHOOL ABOUT 25 MILES OUTSIDE LUSAKA. AS TRIP COULD CONSUME HALF DAY OR MORE, RECOMMEND WE TRY SCHEDULE IT SUNDAY IF POSSIBLE. RECOMMEND AGAINST VISIT TO COPPERBELT IN GIVEN TIME FRAME AS MINE TOURS NOT FEASIBLE ON WEEKENDS AND CODEL WILL NEED RESERVE MONDAY FOR MOST LUSAKA APPOINTMENTS.

10. PLEASE ADVISE IF SEPARATE PROGRAM DESIRED FOR MESDAMES CLARK AND MOOSE. AS ONE OPTION WE HAVE TENTATIVELY RESERVED SEATS FOR THEM ON ROUND TRIP ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, TO LIVINGSTONE FOR TOUR OF VICTORIA FALLS. FLIGHT DEPARTS LUSAKA 0910 AND RETURNS 1755. PLEASE CONFIRM IF LIVINGSTONE TRIP DESIRED.

11. PLEASE ADVISE IF CODEL WISHES MEET WITH PRESS. LOCAL PRACTICE IS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF ONE OR BOTH ZAMBIAN DAILIES PLUS GOVT NEWS SERVICE AND TELEVISION TO CONDUCT BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH VISITING PERSONALITIES UPON ARRIVAL LUSAKA AIRPORT AND AGAIN UPON DEPARTURE. IF SENATOR CLARK INTERESTED, WE CAN PROBABLY ARRANGE FOR APPREARANCE BY HIM ON SUNDAY EVENING ZAMBIA TV INTERVIEW PROGRAM. FORTY-FIVE MINUTE PROGRAM GENERALLY FILMED LIVE COMMENCING 2015 HOURS. INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY TWO ZAMBIA TV EMPLOYEES BUT SOMETIMES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GUEST INTERVIEWERS INVITED. IN RECENT WEEKS INTERVIEWEES HAVE INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER MUDENDA, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CABINET AND OF PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND VISITING INDIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER.
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